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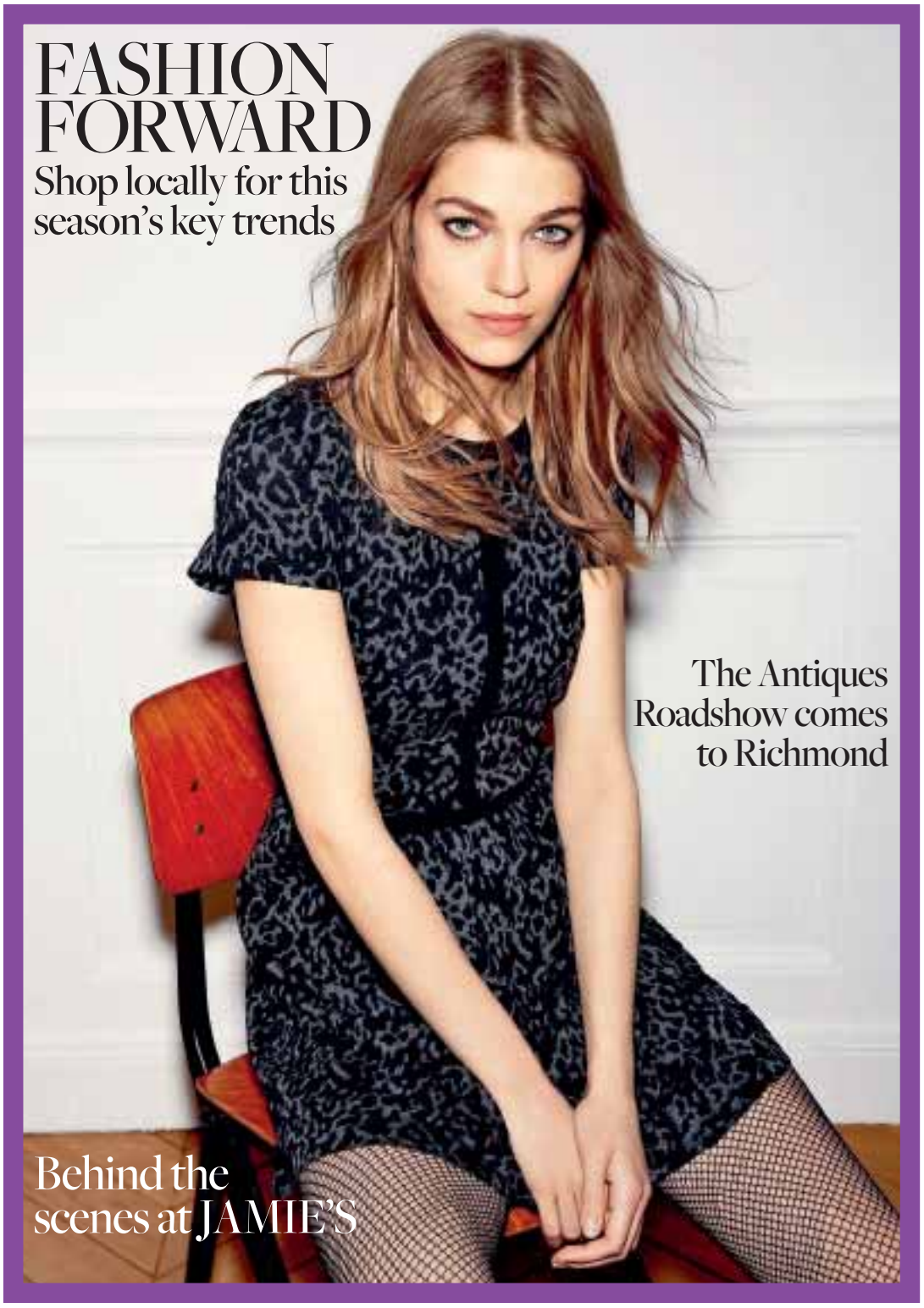

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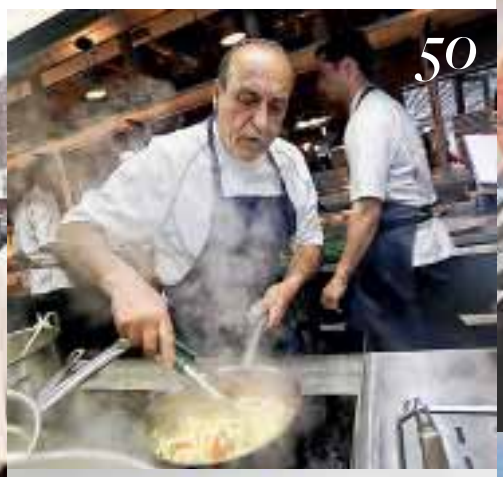

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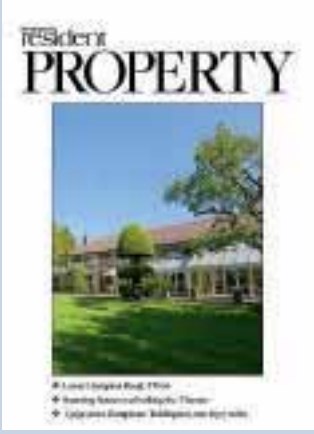

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Jamie's Italian Trattoria is creating a buzz in Richmond

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Tom Parker Bowles

Tom Parker Bowles is a real foodie's foodie, and a jolly nice chap to boot. He is a food writer and broadcaster of some repute. When he's not discovering the best food in London, you'll find him at home with his wife and two children.

Elliot Tucker

A life-long west Londoner, Elliot Tucker has a love of all things historic, as well as a keen interest in sports, the arts and what's happening on a local basis.

The place to be seen

September marks the changing of seasons, and in the world of fashion, that is BIG news. In Richmond and the surrounding areas, we're blessed with some seriously trendy boutiques, bursting at the seams with covetable items. But where to start? I'm not convinced that the 'must-buy' of the season – the leather legging, apparently – is really for me, and when it comes to colours, it takes a lot for me to abandon my beloved black. Luckily, our local boutique owners were happy to share their style secrets, trend predictions, and must-buy items with Lorna Weightman – read about what you should be wearing this winter on page 54.

Now we've got the wardrobe sorted, there's the question of where to wear it? The newly-opened Jamie's Italian Trattoria in Richmond could well provide the perfect backdrop. When I walked past last week, the place was buzzing, so Jamie and his culinary partner-in-crime Gennaro Contaldo must have got it right. Emily Manson found out why their union is a winning one – see page 50.

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Richmond's success is all the more remarkable when you consider that the project had the lowest budget of all entries in the competition – it was completed at a cost of only £123,000.

TPL principal Tim Lobb said: 'We were able to make a small budget go a long way because of the great relationship we had with the club, and especially the fantastic work done by Richmond's greenkeeping team.'

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LOCAL LIFE

This month's essential news from your neighbourhood

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Katharine Harborne

Big ideas

Richmond's bid to get a share of Boris Johnson's £100 million cycling transport pot that is set to transform London's cycling infrastructure has earnt the full backing of the borough's cycling Czar, Katharine Harborne.

'I am delighted at this news,' comments Katharine, a North Richmond borough councillor. 'It's a step in the right direction and we're all hoping the bid will be successful.

'If Richmond's bid is successful – fingers crossed – we have a chance to do something wonderful and get many more people choosing to cycle more often.'

Richmond's £67 million bid includes plans for cycle paths to run alongside railway lines, improve commutability on the A316 and joining the quieter roads together so that cyclists can stay on them rather than have to disrupt their journeys, as they do at present.

✤ Anyone with an interest in the future of cycling in the borough or ideas on how to improve cycling facilities can contact Katharine at cllr.kharborne@richmond.gov.uk

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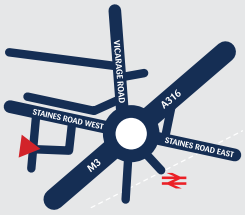

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Elliot Tucker explores some of White Lodge's past regal residents

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Above: White Lodge was first used as a ballet school in 1955
Right: The Queen and Princess Margret spent part of their childhood at White Lodge

With the *Antiques Roadshow* visiting Richmond this month, it would be remiss not to delve into the fascinating history of the building in which it is taking place. White Lodge in Richmond Park has stood for over 280 years, and in that time has housed Kings, Prime Ministers, noble families and even the Queen herself.

It was built in 1727 as a hunting lodge for George II by the architect Roger Morris. George's consort Queen Caroline used the lodge frequently and is reputed to have gained use of it through her close relationship with Sir Robert Walpole, the first Prime Minister of Great Britain. Upon Caroline's death Walpole took charge of the White Lodge before he died in 1751.

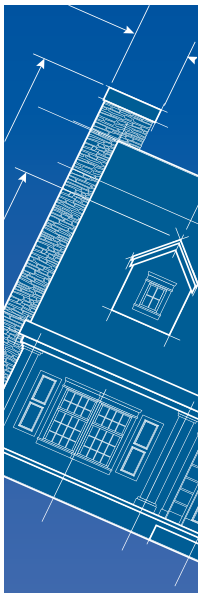
Princess Amelia, daughter of Caroline, then took ownership and proved to be quite an illustrious tenant! She named herself park ranger and only allowed her friends access to Richmond Park. However a court case was eventually brought, ruling in favour of unbridled public access to the park.

The next regal inhabitant was George III. Affectionately known as 'Farmer George' due to his fondness for gardening and farming, he named himself park ranger.

In 1845, Queen Victoria insisted that her son Edward, later King, should be schooled at White Lodge. In 1861 the Queen was in a desperate state of mourning following the death of her mother and retreated to the lodge for the solitude of Richmond Park.

In 1923, the future King George VI was returning from honeymoon with his wife Elizabeth, Duchess of York. The newlywed couple needed a home and were recommended usage of the White Lodge. They moved in with their two children, the future Queen of England, Elizabeth, and her sister Princess Margret, in 1936. Elizabeth is said to have been exceptionally fond of her time at the White Lodge and particularly the terracing and gardens.

The lodge had various private owners until 1955 when Sadler's Wells Ballet School was offered permanent usage of it. The school was granted Royal charter in 1958, meaning that White Lodge continues its centuries of Royal association to this day.



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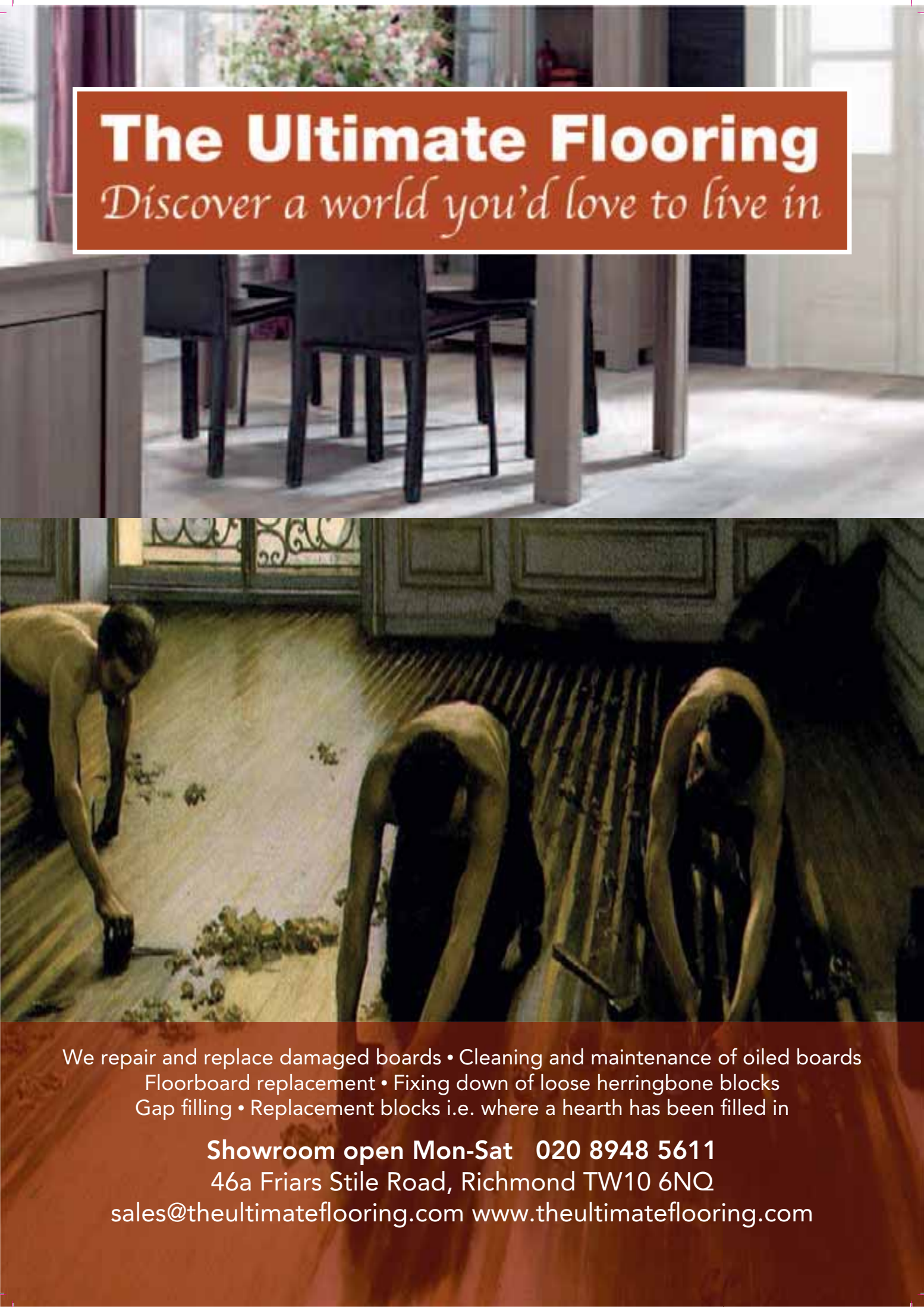
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Wild light

We love the **regal nature** of this lamp by Christiane Lemieux. The stately stag provides the perfect base for a dramatic black shade – a **must-buy statement** piece for stylish Autumn/Winter homes. £80.

✤ houseoffraser.co.uk

The Richmond resident *LOVES*

TREAD CAREFULLY

Teddington-based Tania Johnson is launching her new range of rugs at this month's Decorex interior design show. The Glass Collection is inspired by Tania's early morning photography of windows wet with dew. Tania comments, 'Each rug in the collection is inspired by a close-up photograph; each photograph is unique simply because each one captures a moment in nature that can never be repeated; a specific shadow or reflection that only occurs in one instant.' Find her on stand C2.

✤ taniajohnsondesign.com/decorex.com

DINE IN STYLE

Debenhams newest designer, Vicki Elizabeth, has got off to an amazing start for the store with a nature-inspired collection of homewares. We love this bird plate, that almost seems too pretty to cover up with dinner! £15.

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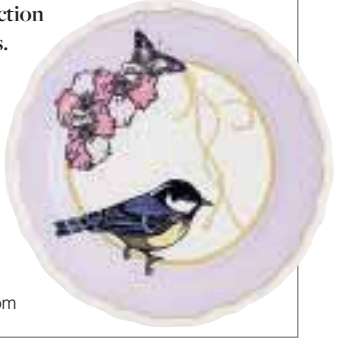

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Fiona Bruce says she loves the show's guests as much as the antiques

Hidden TREASURES

As the Antiques Roadshow takes over White Lodge, Elliot Tucker explores the programme's popularity, and finds out how to source your own collectables locally

The *Antiques Roadshow* is such a mainstay of British TV it is now hard to imagine a Sunday where the famous theme music isn't filling front rooms up and down the country. Along with the likes of *Blue Peter*, *Coronation Street* and *Songs of Praise*, it is ingrained in the national identity and has a devoted fan base. This month it is coming to Richmond when The Royal Ballet School plays host at their home of White Lodge in Richmond Park. This is the 36th series of the show, and takes in the length and breadth of the country before it is broadcast over this Autumn/Winter and the early part of 2014.

Fiona Bruce has been presenting the show since 2008 and joining the team as it criss-crosses the country in search of new discoveries had a special poignancy for her. 'The Antiques Roadshow has been part of my life for as long as I can remember,' she says. 'I grew up watching the programme with my family every Sunday evening so it's an incredible privilege to present it.'

Whilst the on-screen work is evidently rewarding, she actually gets more joy out of meeting the people who come to each show. 'I am so impressed with how patiently people wait and just how popular the event still is after so many years. 3,000 visitors came on my first day, and watching as so many wonderful things were unwrapped whetted my appetite for hearing the stories behind them. Like the viewers at home, I want to know when things were made, who made them and how the current owners came by them.'

Fiona has a personal love of antiques and decorative objects which is probably

White Lodge will provide a stunning backdrop for the show

The Richmond resident LOVES

The Gooday Gallery on Richmond Hill specialises in decorative and fine arts from 1880-1980, such as (clockwise from above) Art Deco Bakelite seahorse broach, £165; Charles Catteau Art Deco vase, £1,250; Mdina glass bottle vases, £250-£280

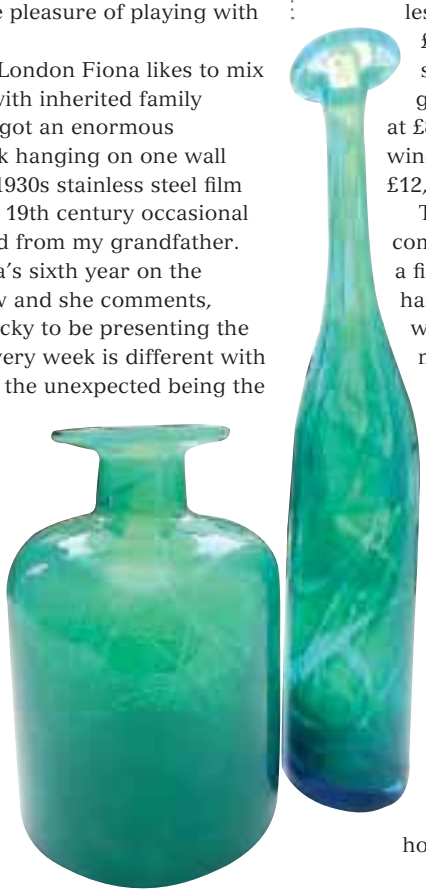
'Oddities' seen on the Roadshow include include George III's moustache clippings, and an engraved grain of rice

the result of a childhood spent on the move. 'I was born in Singapore and we also lived in Italy and the Wirral. I used to go to auctions in England with my parents and every time my father went abroad on business, he brought me back a doll dressed in national costume. I still remember the thrill of opening those parcels and the pleasure of playing with the dolls.'

At home in London Fiona likes to mix retro classics with inherited family pieces. 'We've got an enormous Pulsynetic clock hanging on one wall and I've put a 1930s stainless steel film lamp on a little 19th century occasional table I inherited from my grandfather.

This is Fiona's sixth year on the venerable show and she comments, 'I still feel so lucky to be presenting the programme, every week is different with the pleasure of the unexpected being the only constant.'

The unexpected is indeed to be expected on the *Antiques Roadshow*, with a staggering variety of items that have been brought along over the past 34 years. Classed as 'oddities' by the Roadshow team, they include George III's moustache clippings, an engraved grain of rice and a wooden watch, that technically only worked in the fridge or the oven! The last series of the show also attracted some exceptional pieces such as an 1680 Japanese jar bought at a car boot for less than £10 and valued at £5,000, a Barbara Hepworth sculpture which had been left gathering dust but was valued at £80,000, and a 17th Century wine bottle found in a skip worth £12,000.



The *Antiques Roadshow* coming to Richmond is also quite a fitting tribute to an area that has a long established history with antiques, and nowhere more so than Richmond Hill. This small stretch of road was at one time the beating heart of a burgeoning South-West London antiques scene. Sadly there are only a few remnants of that vibrant community today and Debbie Gooday, owner of The Gooday Gallery, recalls that period. 'In the 70's this area was a hive of antique activity. The Sunday trading laws at the time meant most places were closed but, as a tourist hotspot, we were granted special opening hours. Some days you couldn't

TOP 5 MOST VALUABLE ITEMS ON THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

1. Bronze prototype model of the Angel of the North, £1,000,000 (Gateshead, 2008)
2. Regimental silver centrepiece from King George IV, £750,000 (Tidworth, 2002)
3. Faberge Imperial drinking vessel (below), £700,000 (Dartmouth, 2010)
4. Two early paintings of the House of Commons, £500,000 each (Banqueting House, 2007)
5. Arundel Corporation silver collection, £300,000 (Arundel, 2006)

Left: Fiona Bruce has presented the Antiques Roadshow since 2008, and is looking forward to bringing it to Richmond.
Below: Debbie Gooday, owner of The Gooday Gallery, recommends buying pieces from this century

move on the pavement along here for the amount of people waiting to get in. People used to queue outside!'

Although those days have now passed, Debbie feels that people still have a love of antiques and collectibles, albeit not to the same extent. It is shows like the *Antiques Roadshow*, Debbie says, that drive the public fascination with the possibility of making their fortune through a long lost heirloom or entering the market themselves. 'I love the *Antiques Roadshow*' says Debbie 'It is the show to watch and has a great deal of credibility in the antiques world. I always watch it and am very excited that it's coming to Richmond!'

The Gooday Gallery opened in 1971 and specialises in decorative and fine arts from 1880-1980. The shop itself is resplendent with an elegant collection of artwork, ceramics and ornaments from the turn of the last century and onwards. It is somewhere that obviously knows its market and has specialised in it to a great degree. That, Debbie tells me, is something key to her success. 'If you do buy antiques or collectibles then a shop that obviously knows it's market and has a good reputation can offer you a guarantee you just won't get elsewhere,' she says.

For those who have always had a hankering for collectible or antique trading, Debbie has some advice. 'Spend a lot! If you spend up to your budget, and sometimes over, on something you really love then you can't go far wrong. Go for quality, design and provenance from a reputable seller like me!'

And whilst the *Antiques Roadshow* deals with a wide variety of areas and periods, Debbie says that early 20th Century pieces are the period to collect and invest in. 'The 30's, Bauhaus, mid-century pieces…all of these will hold their value for a long time and are very much in fashion now.'

For the layman, however, the world of antiques can seem quite a daunting place with lots of horror stories and pitfalls. However, Debbie says that with the right guidance and investment you can turn a profit in the industry. 'If you speak to someone with enough knowledge and experience of the industry you will also get that person's reputation. If I advise you then my name is on the line.' With so many places to buy and sell these days – including unregulated online forums – Debbie recognises that people can be apprehensive about making forays into the world of collecting. 'Online is quite a risk, as are car boot sales. Go to a reputable auction house such as Chiswick Auctions, or Sotheby's or Christie's. Those places may sound expensive but they do a lot of lower value auctions with lots starting at £300-500.'

So if you have something you want to get valued or you would like a chance to begin your own foray into the world of antiques then Richmond, it seems, is the place to be. Galleries like Debbie's are few and far between nowadays as the internet has redefined a lot of what we knew about antiques and how the business operates. However the *Antiques Roadshow* offers people the opportunity to get an honest, free evaluation on their items and the chance to get up close and personal with some truly eclectic pieces. Series Editor of the

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show, Simon Shaw, says 'every show brings big surprises, which is why it's so exciting. So on behalf of all of the experts we're asking the people of Richmond to dig out your treasures!' Well, you heard the man...

✤ The Gooday Gallery, 14 Richmond Hill, TW10 6QX
thegoodaygallery.com or 0208 940 8652

The *Antiques Roadshow* will be at White Lodge, Richmond Park on Thursday 5 September. Free entry. 9.30am-4.30pm. For larger items email photos and details to antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk

WHAT TO DO ON THE DAY

For those who have something they want valued at the roadshow, the BBC have a few tips on what to expect on the day:

✤ There is no parking near White Lodge so there will be a Park and Ride service from Roehampton Gate and Sheen Gate.

✤ Be prepared to queue! An average of 2,000 people attend each show and doors open at 9.30am.

✤ Pack items with care and carry them in something sturdy.

✤ Don't label any items with your address or any personal details.

✤ For large items contact the show at least two weeks prior to filming to be added to the furniture collection round.

✤ Try and go for quality over quantity as the experts only have a limited amount of time and having several items may delay the entire event.

✤ Unfortunately there are no experts in the fields of coins, stamps, rugs or musical instruments.

✤ Wear comfortable shoes and don't forget an umbrella!

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Food NEWS

BEST OF BRITISH

A new executive chef has taken the reins at The Capability, the restaurant at Hilton's Waldorf Astoria in Syon Park. Paula O'Neil has launched a new 'Best of British' menu featuring rustic cuisine with a contemporary twist. Starters include grilled sardines on toast, salad of smoked trout, streaky bacon, frisee and horseradish, while mains feature dishes such as mackerel, pickled cucumber, potato and dill salad, pork belly, wilted pak choi, carrot and orange puree. Two courses for £19 or three for £25 (supplements may apply).

TASTING NOTES

Richmond's Cult Wines have teamed up with La Winery to launch a new tasting experience, 'Wine Sign'. A sommelier-hosted session initiates participants by blind-tasting six wines. An electronic voting system analyses each person's reactions to produce an individual wine profile giving details of wines and grapes to match tastes.

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Spice it up

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IN THE BAG

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Tom Parker Bowles

The humble kebab doesn't exactly have a glistening reputation, but perhaps it's time to think again about this humble delicacy

Doner kebab. Two small words, one massive regret. Because it always seems such a good idea at the time, stumbling home in that usual last-orders haze. It's the smell that grabs you first, sweetly spiced seduction. You trip into the shop, momentarily blinded by the fierce glare of cheap strip lights. And watch, in awe, as tissue paper thin slices of charred lamb are carved from that mighty monolith, and lovingly laid upon a bed of virgin lettuce, all enclosed within a beautifully blistered pitta wrap.

Chilli sauce is next, deep scarlet in hue, and squeezed from the bottle with all the art of a Michelin master. By the time the whole thing is ready to attack, you're almost giddy with greed. All this, for less than a fiver. The first bite melds carnivorous heft and pure culinary magic as exquisite, capsicum flecked juice dribbles down your chin. You get home, smile plastered thickly across your face, assault the stairs and slump into a deep, meat-sated sleep.

Six hours later and you wake up. Last night's joy has transformed into this morning's shame. A scrap of fatty meat, grey and stinking, is fixed firmly to your face. And the floor beside your bed is scattered with wilted lettuce, congealed fat and some form of artificial red sauce so lurid and sinister that it seems to glow of its own accord. This was no late night snack, more an unholy alliance of cheap grease and unspeakable disgust. And so another nail is hammered in the creaky coffin of the cheap kebab.

Which is a crying shame. Because at its best, there's simply nothing better, a blissful combination of fat, protein and carbohydrate that makes even the grandest sandwich look positively second rate. Take the version at Taza (on Queensway), my favourite doner stop. There's always a queue at any time of day or night, snaking out of the door and winding down Queensway. They take prime slices of lamb shoulder, and build them up until it resembles the usual 'Elephant's foot'. The meat cooks slowly, basted by the fat, until the whole thing is as bronzed as it is beautiful. Each kebab is cooked to order, the meat sliced and briefly fried, then mixed with lettuce, tomatoes, and a creamy, homemade garlic sauce, as well as a punchy chilli version too.

A succulent lamb kebab cooked to order: there's nothing like it

This beauteous melange is wrapped in fresh pitta, toasted for a minute or two and passed over into your eager little hands

The best kebabs will use fluffy, fresh pitta

This beauteous melange is wrapped in fresh pitta, toasted for a minute or two and passed over into your eager little hands. Better still, they have an extras section, so you can pimp your bab. Diced tomatoes, whole pickled chillies, coleslaw, pert and sharp. Best Turkish Kebab, on Stoke Newington Road, are also masters of this particular art. Along with Fulham's Kebab Kid (90 New King's Road), and the chicken shwarma (the Lebanese version of doner with great chunks of meat moulded onto a large spit) at the ever brilliant (and late night) Maroush II (maroush.com).

Then there are the shish kebabs, with the best found in those fine Turkish establishments where everything is cooked over white-ashed charcoal. Here, fat chunks of fillet are marinated then grilled until just pink within. Sauces are always homemade, bread freshly baked. Meanwhile Lahore Kebab House cooks up the Punjabi version of the shish kebab, and very splendid it is too.

Talking of Pakistan, don't miss Tayyab's (tayyabs.co.uk) take on the minced lamb kebab, the seekh. The spicing is perfect, the succulence still very much there. Patogh (8 Crawford Place W1H) gives a Persian spin on the dish. Their bread is excellent too. The Turkish version, Beyti and Adana kebab, are magnificent at Dalston's Mangal Ocakbasi (mangal1.com), and at Meze Mangal (mezemangal.co.uk) also.

OK, so the late night horror show kebab, stinking of BO and dripping with disgust, will never disappear. But search out the best – be they Turkish, Pakistani, Indian or Lebanese – and they move from late night mistake to all day delight. Proper kebabs. Far too good to waste on the drunk. ●

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A sunny Wednesday afternoon saw a smattering of people drinking Pimm's in the garden, whilst a couple of families with younger children had popped in for a summer holiday treat (for both the adults and the kids). Happily, the outside space is large enough to accommodate both.

Inside, the décor is modern and stylish, without losing the 'pub' feel, and there's a good selection of Young's cask ales, speciality craft ales (including London Meantime brews) and some lovely wines. And if you're after food to go with your drinks, then there's good news here too – steaks are stand-out, butchered from whole joints on site and grilled over charcoal. We'll be leaving it less than 12 months before we next return!

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Italian-style dining is usually synonymous with family, with generations gathering to enjoy classic regional dishes and celebrate the country's incredible array of produce. In this country, too, it's all about the family, with most people having a local Italian restaurant they head to to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and the like, where the welcome is warm and the food reliable. A Cena in Twickenham takes this concept of the trusty local Italian up a good few notches, whilst staying true to the 'keep it in the family' ideal.

Owned by husband and wife team Camilla and Tim, the restaurant has been open 12 years, and its kitchen has been run by Head Chef Nicola since day one. This is a team who are dedicated to their cause, and it's evident the moment you step through the door. Smart, understated and relaxed, the space accommodates tables for two, as well as bigger groups, happily, and freshly-baked perfect foccacia is placed in front of you just as soon as you sit down.

The menu changes daily, and features an array of exciting ingredients, in interesting combinations, and some classics too. Zucchini Fritti saw spears of courgette encased in the lightest batter imaginable, with a drizzle of piquant lemon mayonnaise. A lovely contrast to the often soggy and stodgy offerings elsewhere. Our other starter saw crispy slivers of fried salami atop a mound of sweet and sour cucumber with a light and herby crème fresh dressing.

The main courses, too, offered a sophisticated selection – pan fried hake with capers, white wine and lemon, and a classic veal Milanese served with buttered green beans sprinkled with parmesan. Simple, and utterly delicious. Which sums up A Cena perfectly.

✤ 418 Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 2EB
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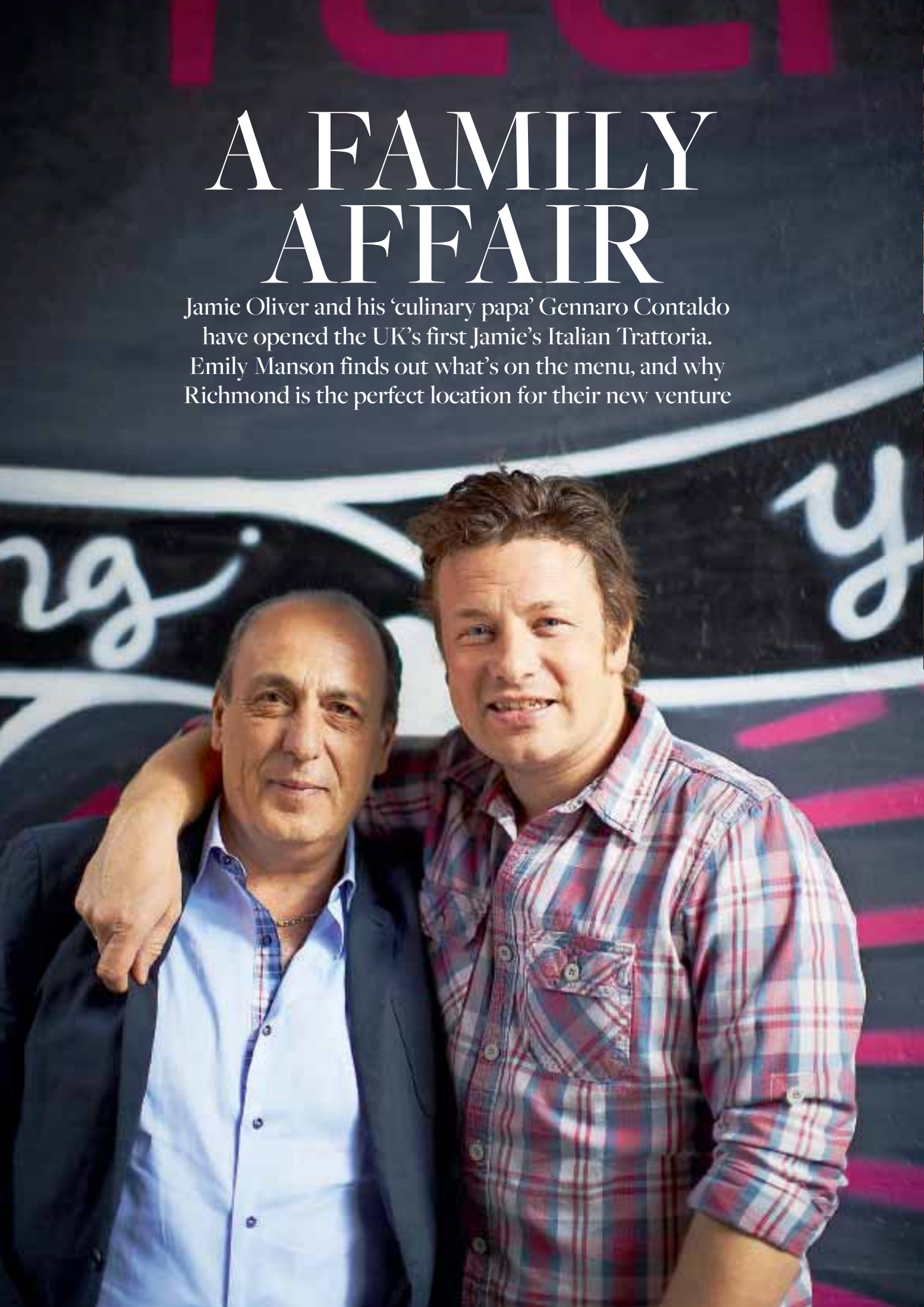
Crispy-fried salami with sweet and sour cucumber and créme fresh

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Jamie Oliver and his 'culinary papa' Gennaro Contaldo have opened the UK's first Jamie's Italian Trattoria. Emily Manson finds out what's on the menu, and why Richmond is the perfect location for their new venture



Jamie and Gennaro's new trattoria in Richmond is designed to be family-friendly

It would seem that Jamie Oliver is unstoppable. But as he opens the latest in a long line of restaurant concepts, this one, it appears is more of a family affair. His business partner in Jamie's Italian Trattoria is also his 'culinary papa' Gennaro Contaldo – which is fitting given that trattorias traditionally pride themselves on their family connections

A culinary tour de force in his own right, Gennaro has not only got seven cookbooks to his name, but he is one half of the Two Greedy Italians (the other being Antonio Carluccio) and was also the chef to 'discover' Jamie – and by all accounts mentor him throughout his professional life to date.

Talking to Jamie, he is effusive about the man. 'Gennaro is the Don! I always call him my Italian father and that is honestly how I feel. This guy knows everything there is to know about Italian cooking and I just think we work brilliantly as a team. He'll just keep throwing ideas in there and you'll think 'damn, why didn't I think of that!'

Jamie's TV discovery at the River Café is all too well documented, but Gennaro came before that. He was responsible for giving the fresh-faced teenager with dreams of running a restaurant empire a job at Carluccio's Neal Street Restaurant when he turned up unannounced outside the kitchen door at 6am one morning.

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Fast forward a couple of decades and Gennaro is in his mid-sixties, but still working all over the world and still passionately in love with food – especially, of course, Italian food. I've barely entered their new trattoria in Richmond when I'm ushered into the kitchen. 'Smell these,' he says, enthusiastically waving a lemon at my nose, 'they're the best in the world, from my home town, Amalfi,' he chunters happily.

'His enthusiasm never wavers and the team love him, but that's not to say he can't get them running round the kitchen!' adds Jamie. 'I know it sounds a bit of a cliché but I honestly can't imagine doing this without him.'

The Trattoria – which is being billed as the little brother to Jamie's Italian – has just opened in Richmond's King Street because, as Jamie puts it: 'Richmond has that really nice mix of families, young people, older people, a buzzing business community and a visiting weekend trade, so it just felt like a great place to start with 'the Tratt'. Richmond is beautiful too. Who wouldn't want to open a restaurant here?'

And as for the trattoria concept, it's simpler than the original Jamie's Italian.

The menu has snapshots of classic Italian pasta, pizza and grills, as well as a large antipasti section for sharing. But as with Jamie's Italian, all the pasta is made freshly on site every day, and it's a truly versatile menu.

Jamie explains: 'I'm really pleased with how the menu has come together. We wanted to create a really diverse offering that changes through the day, so you can come in and have a coffee and a pastry first thing, a light lunch, some brilliant pizza and pasta for dinner or just sit at the bar and have a drink and antipasti.'

As the interview progresses, Gennaro passes me asparagus – 'just to taste,' – freshly baked focaccia – 'you must try it,' – a bowl of freshly made pasta with tomatoes, chilli and basil – 'look just three ingredients and it tastes so good,' – and a little later on, tagliatelle with black truffle because – 'these come in fresh every week. We make no money on it, but we want people to taste it and enjoy it. Oh you must try some, come on, I'll make it now.'

At £10.50 for a main course it's got to be the cheapest real truffle dish in London, which is what the trattoria is all about, says Gennaro, 'it's about simplicity and affordable food for every day, but that doesn't mean we compromise on quality.' The quality of the ingredients is still paramount in this latest venture – like Jamie's other operations, they only use sustainably sourced, high welfare produce and either free range or freedom foods.

And it's all because, as Gennaro puts it, 'Jamie's a giver. He just wants to share this passion for food with everyone and let everyone taste and enjoy these great ingredients and dishes.'

It's what they have in common, adds Gennaro. 'It's the only way we can express ourselves – we show we love through food and express our passion through cooking, that's why we want everyone to try it and enjoy it.'

Gennaro and Jamie, with all their previous restaurants, TV shows and cookery books already under their belts, could be just rolling out another new concept. But the passion for food and friendship between the two men means I walk away truly believing that they see this as the start of their dream-team gastro-family.

And what's more, just maybe, finally, this is the incarnation of the vision that 15 year old boy had on the Neal Street doorstep all those years ago.

✤ 12-13 King Street, Richmond TW9 1ND; 020 7096 3930; jamieoliver.com/italian/trattoriarichmond

Menu Snapshot

Crispy squid with garlic, lemon aioli
£3.95

Wild mushroom aranchini
£3.50

Shaved courgettes, with sun blushed tomatoes, mint, garlic, lemon and Westcombe ricotta
£3.50

Truffle tagliatelle
£10.50

Veal and pork tortellini
£11

Spaghetti vongole rose
£13

The Gennaro burger
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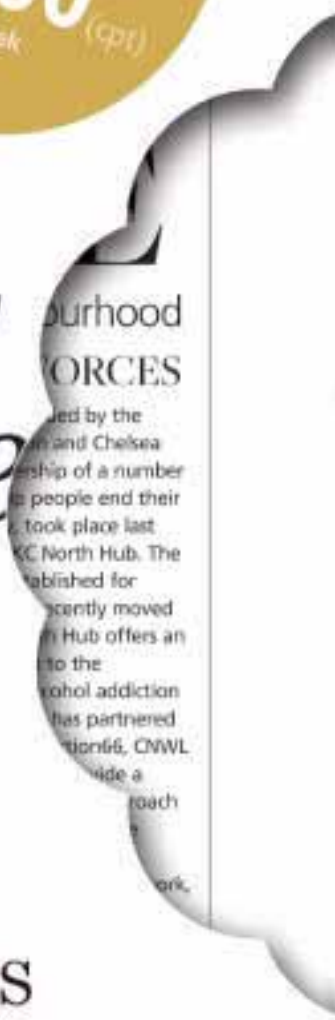

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STYLE conscious

To find out what to invest in for this season, Lorna Weightman sought expert advice at some of Richmond's favourite boutiques

Fiona Sanderson

By Malene Birger Taifas black jacket, £249; Pyrus Polke salt top, £126, By Malene Birger Ybano scarf, £45

Feather and Stitch

✤ 16 King Street, Richmond TW9 1ND
020 8332 2717; featherandstich.com

With an abundance of fashion forward labels available like American Vintage, Pyrus and Maison Scotch, perusing the new season trends at Feather and Stitch is a very stylish treat. Owner Fiona Sanderson offers her fashion insights for A/W 13.

WHAT ARE YOUR MOST SOUGHT-AFTER PIECES?

Our Des Petits Hauts jumpers, Pyrus blouses and American Vintage basics are customer favourites.

WHAT TRENDS ARE IN STORE THIS AUTUMN/WINTER?

'Sports luxe', concentrating on 'The Sweatshirt' from Belgian brand Essential, and knitwear with a hint of lurex or embellishment from French brand Des Petits Hauts for understated glam!

Also, owning an interesting 'little jacket' from trendy Dutch brand Maison Scotch is a must – it can be thrown over a Pyrus blouse and teamed with a statement necklace from Parisian Dominique Denaive. Separates are the look of the season in berry colours as well khaki, naturals and peacock blue.

Filippa K silk berry blouse, £140; By Malene Birger Pionni black necklace, £165; Filippa K Reptile black leggings, £103

> Leather leggings are a wardrobe staple and we have plenty of choice that can carry you from day to night

WHAT PIECES SHOULD CUSTOMERS INVEST IN FOR THEIR NEW SEASON WARDROBE?

Leather leggings are a wardrobe staple and we have plenty of choice that can carry you from day to night in black, bronze and charcoal grey from German brand Set, and Danish brands Custommade and By Malene Birger. Prices starts from £290 and they are worth every penny!

Moschino Cheap and Chic black jumper, £394, and tweed skirt, £414

Noble Jones

✤ 7 Hill Street, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1SX
020 8332 2151; noblejones.com

A combination of personal advice and the latest trends will help you build the perfect Autumn Winter wardrobe from Noble Jones. Manager Lina Grabow picks out some key looks for the season:

WHAT KEY LOOKS ARE IN STORE THIS SEASON?

This season Noble Jones has picked up on animal prints, pretty little tops and cardigans with details like pearl collars and buttons. There is a strong presence of red at the store and we have a lovely selection of pretty tweeds and boucles in red hues. And for evening wear, Noble Jones will have a strong selection of cocktail dresses for every special occasion. Knitwear is also a key trend for us as we move towards Winter.

WHAT ARE THE KEY PIECES TO INVEST IN FOR WINTER?

Stylish merino wool coats for warm layering. Puffa coats to keep toasty and warm, paired with the essential skinny jeans in the most important colours of the season: reds and cobalt blues for causal day wear. We must not forget the sublime selection of work outfits from Paul Smith and for the more serious dresser, Armani Collezione.

Moschino Cheap and Chic silk leopard-print dress, £389; Moschino black dress, £359

Beth Huett, owner of Dolly Rock

Dolly Rock

✤ 14 Crown Road, St. Margarets TW1 3EE
0208 892 7003; dollyrockboutique.co.uk

Dolly Rock boutique in the heart of St Margarets is where you'll find exclusive collections set in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Owner Beth Huett suggests her top buys for Winter:

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE TRENDS FOR THE NEW SEASON?

Firstly, metallics from gold and silver threads featured in knits to foil leather trims. The shine and sparkle is back. We'll be representing the punk trend in a soft, less rebellious way, with leather-sleeved cashmere and full black leather skater skirts.

We'll be displaying the fur trend with impressive faux fur long-haired gullets and racoon-effect scarfs in an array of colours. It's a great way to add something interesting to a plain winter jacket.

WHAT PIECES SHOULD WE NOT BE WITHOUT?

Dressed-up denim, whether it be a waxed finish or leather panel, our Twenty8Twelve collection has it all. Also, a great ankle boot – the most versatile in the collection is a snake laser-cut black style from H by Hudson, it's got a daytime heel with an evening appeal!

WITH LOTS OF GREAT BRANDS TO CHOOSE FROM, WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE LOOKS?

See by Chloe stone grey wide leg palazzo pants, cashmere and cotton cropped jacket with foil leather silver panels by Majestic and a classic cut fine cashmere jumper in leopard print from CoCoa Cashmere.

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Twenty8Twelve jeans in Floyer red, £120, Majors tobacco, £120, and Spruth, £140

The Richmond resident LOVES

LOCAL LUXE

Faye Hayward

Avenue

✤13 Paved Court, Richmond, TW91LZ
020 8940 1470; avenueboutique.co.uk

In a quiet lane in Richmond, fashionistas flock to Avenue boutique where owner Faye Hayward offers high end, trend driven collections. Here's her fashion advice for this season.

WHAT PIECES SHOULD CUSTOMERS INVEST IN NOW?

With our unpredictable weather at the moment, key transitional pieces should be a focus in your wardrobe. We're championing separates for Autumn/Winter, skirts and trousers that can be swapped and re-styled with chunky knits and light printed tops. Neon accents through jewellery are still a main focus for us, these are set to last so invest in a John & Pearl new season collar for pop of colour this autumn.

WHAT COLLECTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AUTUMN WINTER?

We're introducing two new brands into Avenue Boutique thsi season, M.Wiesneck and I Heart; they both bring something different to our collections and we feel they have really rounded our range. M.Wiesneck has classic, chic staples in luxurious fabrics – our top pick would be the Bentley Jacket and Manao Trouser perfect for the feminine tailoring trend. I Heart focusses on fun luxe prints – choose the Elina owl print shirt and pair with a coloured jean for the perfect off-duty style.

Jacquard blazer, £160
Ponk Jeans, £105

WHAT TRENDS ARE YOU FOCUSING ON?

We try not to go into our buying season with particular trends in mind and focus on what we know our clients will love, although we do throw a few trend-led pieces into the mix to inspire and push our current collection and keep the look fresh.

For thsi Autumn/Winter we have some great statement knits, and a lot of feminine and unique tailoring as seen on the runway at Julien David and Nina Ricci. Think silk skirts and matching trousers – an update on the pyjama trend but more wearable for winter.

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essential STYLE

Go Wild...

In our opinion leopard print is perennially 'in', and it seems the fashion community are confirming what we've always known this Autumn/Winter, with our favourite print being officially on trend. Embrace the look with a bold statement blazer, add just a hint in a muted print dress, or add a touch of fun to any outfit with a cute pair of pumps...

Blazer, £59
Marks & Spencer, Kew Retail Park
Kew TW9 4AD; 020 8876 6864
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2 There's a reason that Estee Lauder's DoubleWear foundation has reached cult status – it's got 15-hour staying power, buildable coverage, and a natural, semi-matte finish, in an impressive array of shades. £27.50.

✤ esteelauder.co.uk

3 The latest offering from bareMinerals is Correcting Concealer, which will not only covers blemishes, but uses lemon peel extract to actually decrease the appearance of dark spots over time. £21.

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SIMPLY SUBLIME

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3 OF THE BEST... RAINBOW BRIGHTS

Brighten up the onset of Autumn with on-trend fluro fingernails

OPI
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✤ madbeauty.com

INVOGUE
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SPA REVIEW

The Balcony Spa at the Richmond Gate Hotel has just re-opened after a facelift, and the newly spruced-up beauty destination is offering a gorgeous range of treatments in its relaxing surroundings.

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Twice as nice

Lorraine Crighton-Smith discovers you can have two international luxury experiences in one trip with Raffles...

The Richmond resident *LOVES*

Luxury-travel lovers listen up: The Seychelles is calling your name. Picture the crystal clear water, white sandy beaches and laid-back living of island life. Now, change the scenery. Keep the sand, but imagine dunes, desert-style, and throw in a few sky scrapers. Try the world's tallest man-made structure… That's right, from The Seychelles to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in one paragraph because, it transpires, it is remarkably easy to travel between the two destinations.

We started in the United Arab Emirates. The high-end airline, Emirates transported us – in spectacular style – from London Heathrow to Dubai in around seven hours. On arrival we were whisked away to out accommodation, Raffles Dubai, which was a mere 20-minute drive. Look our for the distinctive exterior, which is built in the shape of an Egyptian pyramid, and be wowed as you enter the luxe marble lobby. There's a running theme throughout the hotel, which has 252 rooms and suites that claim to be the largest in the city, so see if you can spot the four elements of life – earth, air, fire and water whilst inside.

Dubai has tourist attractions a-plenty; we took in but a few and still felt like we'd had a rich and varied stay. From dune bashing and a desert safari to some serious shopping in the Dubai Mall (which has over 1,200 stores and a gigantic aquarium), we busied ourselves in this buzzing city and sought rest and recuperation back at the Raffles Dubai Spa. Raffles Spa features exclusive rejuvenating treatments, inspired by Asian, Middle Eastern and European traditions, but more on that later.

Sticking with the fashion theme, we also enjoyed a Fashion Afternoon Tea back at the hotel, a very British tradition given a stylish Dubai twist (sandwiches in the shape of dresses, decadent cakes shaped like handbags etc).

There are seven restaurants within Raffles Dubai, our favourites included Fire & Ice, a sophisticated grill that's reminiscent of the New York Meatpacking District and TOMO, an authentic Japanese Restaurant that comes with superb views as it's positioned at the peak of the pyramid. Also at the top of the pyramid, you'll find trendy nightclub People by Crystal, perfect if you really want to let your hair down without leaving the building.

As all holidays, our time in Dubai came to end, but it wasn't all bad as next up we were Seychelles bound.

Seychelles International Airport on the island of Mahé is around a four-hour flight from Dubai. To continue our journey with Raffles we boarded a short flight (around 15-minutes) to Praslin island (at 38 km² it is the second largest island of the Seychelles, 44km northeast of the largest, Mahé). On arrival at Raffles Praslin Seychelles we were greeted with the words 'welcome to paradise'. I'm not sure that words or photographs can really do justice for what we were set to experience during our stay, but in hindsight paradise isn't far off.

The outdoor terraced lobby here is a far cry from the decadence of Raffles Dubai but its breathtaking views and general demeanour hint to the fact that this is a different kind of place altogether.

It was Earth Day when we arrived and we were just in time to help the team and guests plant trees. In years to come the trees we planted then will have grown tall, to replace the foliage that was removed to accommodate the resort, returning the Seycelloious scenery to its former glory. Another benefit of that is how private it will make the resort, we're told it will be hard to see on the approach. After a week there it becomes clear that privacy is key. There are 86 villas each with a private plunge pool, balcony, outdoor pavilion and butler service available round-the-clock so you never have to leave your villa should you choose not to. Though we heartily recommend that you do, even if it's just to lounge by the (much larger) communal pool with a cocktail in hand or to shuffle down to the beach.

Opposite page, top: the view from Raffles Praslin Seychelles; bottom: the iconic exterior of Raffles Dubai. This page, top: enjoy alfresco eating in the Seychelles; left: a Raffles suite; below: try creole cuisine with a beach barbecue

Remember, though, there is an island out there and it would be criminal to go and not explore it. Praslin is home to the endemic Coco de Mer palm tree, which produces its distinctive-shaped nut (which will be stamped into your passport on arrival). Head out to the Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see where it grows. Or take a boat across to Cruiseuse island (we suggest you do both), the only other place the Coco de Mer grows. Cruiseuse is also home to over 500 giant tortoises. They are friendly giants, who like to be tickled under the chin (but avoid the backs of their necks or near their shells). While island hopping, La Digue is another nearby on which you can hire bicycles. We took a cycling tour of the island before enjoying a traditional lunch.

Back at Raffles Praslin Seychelles work off your meal and stretch out with pilates in the pavilion, a serene experience with the gentle ocean breeze and the sounds of the waves. Or kick back and enjoy a pre-supper cocktail (try the Praslin sling). Food at Raffles Praslin Seychelles brings together local culture and world cuisine. Head to Losean Restaurant for contemporary Mediterranean dishes while Curieuse Restaurant specialises in seafood. Private and alfresco dining is also available, our last supper on Praslin was suitably romantic and memorable as we dined on the beach. ●

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✤ royalyachtbritannia.co.uk/shop

Lovely lunches

The Dotcomgiftshop have hit the back-to-school nail on the head with this cute cool bag and flask combo. There's plenty of room for packing sandwiches and other lunchtime treats, and it's practical as well as pretty. Also available in a spaceman print. Flask, £12.95, and lunch bag, £4.95.

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MINI resident

School open day

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Properties in this area have attracted a significant amount of interest from both local residents and overseas customers, with many buyers coming via the company's office in Hong Kong.

The firm has been a popular choice both for owner-occupiers as well as for investment buyers, who appreciate the company's local knowledge and bespoke service which offers advice to landlords looking to build a portfolio. It also offers services tailored to landlords who live overseas and can assist purchasers with finding mortgages and letting out or managing their property.

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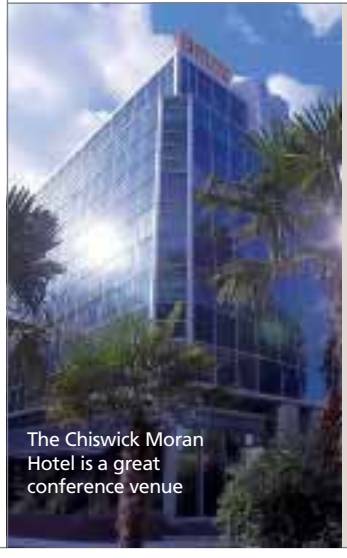

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RICHMOND, TW9 GUIDE PRICE £1,200,000 FREEHOLD

If you have a growing family and may need even more space in the future then this four bedroom house with undeveloped loft is well worth a visit with a 60' rear garden and a detached garage. Approximately 1683 sq ft / 156.4 sq m excluding outbuildings, (1906 sq ft / 177.1 sq m including). EPC rating E.

KEW, TW9 GUIDE PRICE £1,200,000 FREEHOLD

Good local schools, westerly rear garden, character, space to extend and make your own mark, all in a tree lined street - this house will tick many boxes for many families looking locally. Kew Gardens and Richmond stations are both nearby as is Kew Gardens. Circa 1586 sq ft (147 q m). EPC rating F.

KEW, TW9 £900,000 FREEHOLD

With Kew Green just up the road and Kew Gardens opposite, this Georgian fronted four double bedroom, three reception room detached house offers a great chance to find a family house in need of updating, close to Kew Village and Kew Gardens station. Circa 1551 sq ft (144 sq m). EPC rating E.

OLD ISLEWORTH, TW7 £890,000 FREEHOLD

With wonderful views of the River Thames this charming Queen Anne period home offers a peaceful haven in the centre of Old Isleworth with a communal mooring at the end of the pretty garden. Circa 1295 sq ft (120 sq m). EPC rating E.

RICHMOND, TW9 GUIDE PRICE £750,000 FREEHOLD

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EAST TWICKENHAM, TW1 £5,500 PER CALENDAR MONTH

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STRAWBERRY HILL, TW1 £3,200 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A three bedroom semi detached house located in a residential street within a few hundred yards of the River. Accommodation includes a separate dining room, reception room, eat in kitchen/breakfast room as well as a 50' easily maintained rear garden. EPC rating ?

RICHMOND, TW9 £2,950 PER CALENDAR MONTH

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KEW, TW9 £2,800 PER CALENDAR MONTH

On just two levels this four bedroom, three reception room, family house has just had a brand new contemporary bathroom fitted. Being located only a short walk from Richmond station and town centre access to local restaurants and shops is easy. Circa 1786 sq ft (166 sq m) EPC rating F.

RICHMOND GREEN, TW9 £2,350 PER CALENDAR MONTH

With a superbly convenient location this three bedroom 1930`s apartment has wonderful views over Richmond Green and communal gardens to the development. Set within a gated development and less than 100 yards from the centre of town and the train station. Circa 872 sq ft (81 sq m). EPC rating D.

KINGSTON, KT2 £1,950 PER CALENDAR MONTH

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Property NEWS

Winners of the 'dream home' competition meet the mayor

Dream homes

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MATTHEW THOMPSON TAKES OVER AS HEAD OF SAVILLS RICHMOND

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Matthew comments: 'I am thrilled to be joining Savills Richmond, we have a fantastic team here who I am sure I can take from strength to strength as we enter into the Autumn market. We have some outstanding properties on our books and are sure that the next few months are certainly going to busy with those and other new exciting instructions which are in the pipeline.'

Lindsay Cuthill, head of Savills South West London region, comments: 'We are pleased to welcome Matthew on board. He has an impressive track record of sales in the prime South West London market and we are sure that he is going to do an excellent job in the Richmond office.'

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✤ Typical buyer
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Lincoln Avenue TW2

Lincoln Avenue is a long-term location for most purchasers, due to the fact it has the perfect blend of close proximity to Twickenham town centre, excellent transport links for commuters, and highly rated local schools.

Boasting pretty period properties mainly dating back to the 1950s, Lincoln Avenue is nestled between Twickenham, Fulwell and Whitton. The majority of the homes here have evolved over the years to comprise mainly three or four bedrooms offering flexible living space. The typical extended home in Lincoln Avenue would consist of a large kitchen/dining room to the rear and cosy sitting room to the front, and lofts with scope for conversion.

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Image taken from Brentford Lock West marketing suite balcony

Planning AHEAD

Buyer confidence drives surge in off-plan sales in West London, as two thirds of homes at Brentford Lock West are reserved already

With buyer confidence proving strong, the recently launched Brentford Lock West development in west London has seen a surge in interest, with over two thirds of its first release of homes already reserved, off plan.

Since launching in March this year, the desirable waterside development on the banks of the Grand Union Canal has been well received by today's buyers, proving popular among first-time buyers, downsizers and investors alike.

Each of the homes at Brentford Lock West have been individually designed to a high specification, incorporating an impressive array of leading brand name appliances and materials – from fully integrated designer kitchens to beautifully presented bathroom suites.

The homes incorporate lots of light, as well as generous indoor and outdoor spaces that will allow residents to make the most of their new home, all year round. The homes will also meet impressive energy efficiency standards – reaching Code Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, enabling residents to reduce their fuel consumption and their fuel bills, without compromising on their lifestyle.

To add to its success, in July, the development was named the winner of the residential award at the annual New London Awards, which aim to recognise the capital's very best examples of architecture, planning and development. The scheme was commended for its overall master plan and the development's commitment to providing community spaces and encouraging outdoor living.

Internal image of Brentford Lock West marketing suite

Brentford Lock West forms part of a five year project, which is expected to breathe new life into Brentford. The homes, which are being delivered by leading waterside developer ISIS Waterside Regeneration, offer buyers a unique opportunity to secure a new, highly specified home, while benefiting from a host of community features and green initiatives.

ISIS will be carrying out a number of works to improve the local waterways – including the widening of the existing towpath, the addition of new visitor mooring and the installation of a new floating pontoon to be used by the local canoe club.

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AGENT SPEAKS

Surveying the area

Mark Thompson of Hamptons Teddington on making the move from surveyor to sales manager

How did you start out in property?
I've always been interested in property – I think it came from my parents who come from a long line of builders and property people. Lego and Meccano were always my favourite toys as a child and I loved building houses! I grew up wanting to be an architect but as I got older and realised that it took seven years to qualify (and therefore seven years before you earned some money), I decided to fast-track and become a surveyor instead. After university I went into commercial property surveying and spent seven years following that path, but a chance meeting at an open air concert in Kew Gardens with an estate agent made me think about a career in agency. That was 17 years ago and I've not looked back since!

What is the special appeal of your area?
In less than 100 words?! Community spirit – attend any event held in the town, at a school, visit a coffee shop and you will see the residents of Teddington participating enthusiastically in their community – Hamptons is proud to sponsor a number of local events and we are always overwhelmed by the support given to these events; fantastic schools from starting age through to leaving, both state and private; an amazing housing stock with such variety; a buzzing boutique high street with a plethora of bars and restaurants; great transport links; the parks, the river...and we don't suffer from plane noise anywhere near as much as other parts of the borough!

In what way has the local market changed in the last year?
Confidence in the housing market and overall economy continues to fuel high demand, even as we're in the midst of the summer holiday season when there is a perceived lull. Whilst stock levels of available properties remain low, we have seen a 32% increase of applicant levels resulting in an extremely healthy number of sales. What has been different though is that 90% of our agreed sales were at the guide price or within a small percentage either side of the guide. This year we're also seeing rental investors making a strong comeback, as well as an increase in first time buyer enquiries.

> Teddington has a buzzing boutique high street, great transport links, the parks and the river

When is the best time to sell or let a property?
Any time between 1 January and 31 December! Yes, there are a few peaks along the way but demand for all properties remains consistently high. Two thirds of our sales in the last year have been to buyers coming from outside of the borough, yet were spread evenly throughout the calendar year. Similarly, on the letting side, we are experiencing an unrelenting demand of corporate activity, especially from the oil sector.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?
In years to come, a little cottage by the sea, with loved ones.

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Hampton Road, Strawberry Hill, guide price £1,350,000. Currently on the market with Hamptons Teddington is this stunning, semi-detached period house of Townscape Merit offered in beautiful condition throughout with excellent family accommodation arranged over four floors with a single garage, two off-street parking spaces and a large, south-westerly aspect garden.

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